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20:1 There is a reproof
that is not comely:
again some man
holdeth his tongue,
and he is **wise**.

20:2 It is much better
to reprove, than to be
angry secretly, and he
that confesseth

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**his fault, shall be
preserved from hurt.**

20:3 How good is
it when thou art
reproved, to shew
repentance? for so
shalt thou escape
willful sin.

20:4 As is the lust of
an eunuch to deflower
a virgin; so is he that

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**executeth judgement
with violence.**

20:5 There is one that
keepeth silence and
is found **wise**: and
another by much
babbling becommeth
hateful.

20:6 Some man
holdeth his tongue,
because he hath not

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**to answer, and some
keepeth silence,
knowing his time.**

**20:7 A wise man will
hold his tongue till
he see opportunity:
but a babbler and
a fool will regard
no time.**

**20:8 He that useth
many words shall be**

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**abhorred; and he that
taketh to himself
authority therein,
shall be hated.**

**20:9 There is a sinner
that hath good
success in evil things;
and there is a gain
that turneth to loss.**

**20:10 There is a gift
that shall not profit**

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**thee; and there
is a gift whose
recompense
is double.**

**20:11 There is an
abasement because
of glory; and there
is that lifteth up
his head from a
low estate.**

20:12 There is that

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buyeth much for a little, and repayeth it seven fold.

^{20:}**13** A **wise** man by his words maketh himself beloved: but the graces of fools shall be poured out.

^{20:}**14** The gift of a fool shall do thee no good when thou hast it;

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**neither yet of the
envious for his
necessity: for he
looketh to receive
many things for one.**

**20:15 He giveth little
and upbraideth much;
he openeth his mouth
like a crier; to day
he lendeth, and to
morrow will he ask**

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**it again: such an one
is to be hated of
God and man.**

20:16 The fool saith,
I have no friends,
I have no thank for
all my good deeds:
and they that eat
my bread speak
evil of me.

20:17 How oft, and of

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how many shall he be
laughed to scorn? for
he knoweth not aright
what it is to have; and
it is all one unto him,
as if he had it not.

^{20:}**18** To slip upon a
pavement, is better
than to slip with the
tongue: so, the fall
of the wicked shall

come speedily.

20:19 An

**unseasonable tale
will always be
in the mouth of
the unwise.**

20:20 A **wise**

**sentence shall be
rejected when it
commeth out of a
fools mouth: for he**

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**will not speak it in
due season.**

20: 21 There is that
is hindered from
sinning through
want: and when he
taketh rest, he shall
not be troubled.

20: 22 There is that
destroyeth his own
soul through

**bashfulness, and
by accepting of
persons
overthroweth
himself.**

20:23 There is that
for bashfulness
promiseth to his
friend, and maketh
him his enemy
for nothing.

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20:24 A lie is a foul blot in a man, yet it is continually in the mouth of the untaught.

20:25 A thief is better than a man that is accustomed to lie: but they both shall have destruction to heritage.

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20:26 The disposition
of a liar is
dishonorable,
and his shame
is ever with him.

20:27 A **wise** man
shall promote
himself to honor
with his words:
and he that hath
understanding, will

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please great men.

20:28 He that tilleth
his land, shall
increase his heap:
and he that
pleaseth great
men, shall get
pardon for iniquity.

20:29 Presents
and gifts blind
the eyes

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of the **wise**, and
stop up his
mouth that he
cannot reprove.

^{20:}**30** **Wisdom**
that is hidden,
and treasure that
is hoarded up,
what profit is in
them both?

^{20:}**31** **Better is**

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he that hideth
his folly, than
a man that
hideth his wisdom.

^{20:}**32** Necessary
patience in
seeking the Lord,
is better than
he that leadeth
his life without
a guide.